



UPDATE FROM BHS JUVENILE FORENSIC SERVICES

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SCHOOL SHOOTINGS- NATIONAL IMPACT ON SD

- National
 - Columbine High School 1999
 - Sandy Hook Elementary School 2012
 - Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School 2018

- Local
 - Santana High School 2001
 - Granite Hills High School 2001
 - Kelly Elementary School 2010



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US SECRET SERVICE, AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDIES TO PREVENT FUTURE OCCURRENCES

- Studied 37 occurrences between 1974 and 2000
- Created the Safe Schools Initiative- identified a number of key findings about those who attacked schools:
 - 97% experienced or perceived a major loss prior to attack
 - 78% had a history of suicide attempts or suicidal thoughts prior to attacks
 - 73% had grievance against at least one of their targets prior to attack
 - 93% planned attack prior to carrying it out
 - In 81% of incidents, at least one person had information that the attacker was thinking about or planning an attack
 - 59% of incidents, more than one person had information about the attack before it occurred
 - 95% were current students
 - 50% of attacks occurred during school day



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THE BAD NEWS

The Good News



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THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY PROTOCOL

- District Attorney's office
- San Diego County Office of Education
- Local Law Enforcement
 - San Diego Sheriff's Department
 - Police Departments
 - Allied agencies (PERT, BHS, FBI)
- Developed a protocol for alerting each other to an identified risk (potential school shooter), way to coordinate the information, and assess the seriousness of the threat



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SCHOOL THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM (STAT)

- Members include the DA's office, SD County Office of Ed, Law Enforcement, PERT, outside forensic expert, BHS
- Cases come to the attention of STAT from Law Enforcement, DA, or Education leaders (school principles, etc).
- Information is coordinated by the Law Enforcement Coordination Center
- Team meets monthly to review new cases, follow up on previous cases



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THE PROFILE

- Generally the youth who are referred for review are:
 - Male
 - Mostly under the age of 18 (but not all)
 - Have multiple areas of risk in their life
 - Are not functioning well in the main areas of life (self, family, peers, school, community)
 - Have access to weapons
 - Are suffering from a variety of behavioral health conditions, including substance abuse.



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BHS ROLE

- It has been an eye opening experience
 - Wasn't aware of the number of people who could pose a risk to schools
 - Wasn't aware of the intensity of the risk
- The School Safety Protocol
 - Execution of the protocol and the coordination of law enforcement, school personnel, and the DA's office has been tremendous
 - The concern both for safety of the schools AND the youth is very impressive
- There are efforts (planning stage) to expand this protocol to other public services in the County



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